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Dear Mary:

The closing hours of the Old Year are still rosy with the echoes of your remarkable statement of our goals against cancer in the meeting with Bill Lewis and Lane Adams last Tuesday.

I have never heard you speak so clearly, forcefully, eloquently and with such complete determination.

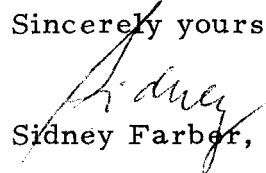
I just want to tell you again what a great privilege it has been to work under your leadership in your small army dedicated to eradicate disease. The deep regret I have that I did not know you sooner is mitigated in part by the great joy that I have had these last 20 years.

I want to say, too, at the end of this year how grateful I am that you made it possible for me to become President of the ACS. My impatience which patterns yours, at what we did not achieve has obscured in my own mind some very real gains. Your hopes and whatever energy and time I put into the Presidency were not entirely wasted. I agree with you that we must continue to make more and more use of the great potential of the ACS. Rapid progress, however, requires new devices of the kind that you have recently brought into being.

I hope that I will have the privilege of working with you at least until the problems of cancer are no more. As for you, my heartfelt wish is that you continue to inspire, lead and even push and pull until all the dread diseases are no more. The health of the world owes more to you than to any one person.

I am deeply grateful for the added dimension that has been mine since I first had the chance to work with you.

Sincerely yours


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